



Atchafalaya Basin Floodway Land Study

- **Study Status:** Initiate Reconnaissance Study
- **FY 2006 Budget Request:** \$100K
- **FY 2006 Funds Required:** \$300k



Project Fact Sheet

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Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Additional Land Study, Louisiana

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985 (PL 99-88); Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, PL 99-662. Funding to initiate acquisition of the real estate features was made available by the Energy and Water Resources Development Appropriations Act of 1988, PL 100-202.

PROJECT SPONSORS: The potential project sponsor is the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for recreation and water management.

PROJECT LOCATION: South-central Louisiana, extends south from U.S. Highway 190 to vicinity of Morgan City/Berwick, comprising the area between the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levees.

Study PURPOSE: The State of Louisiana and private citizens are seeking to increase the acreage of land for public access over the current ceiling now set at 50,000 acres and \$37,000,000. The easement acquisition efforts are ongoing. To date, 47,298 acres of fee land has been acquired from willing sellers. The study will determine if additional land over the current ceilings should be acquired and beneficial.

STUDY COSTS: FY05 Budget Request: \$100,000
Total Cost Estimate: \$300,000

PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE: FY 2006 funds will be used to initiate a reconnaissance study and develop a project management plan.

ISSUES: Reconnaissance will require additional funds and length of time due to the scope and complexity of the study involving several land owners and stakeholders. Estimated total cost is \$300,000. \$300k could be used in 2006 to expand the scope to the required level of detail to address the Real Estate acquisition issues adequately.